



The Monthly Newsletter of the South Bay Amateur Radio Association



The SBARA Treasure Chest - November

Dear Member,
This is the last report for this year, and also the last Treasurer's report I will prepare. There is no Groundplane planned for December, and next year somebody else will take over the job as treasurer of the South Bay Amateur Radio Association.

What does the new treasurer have to expect?

A spreadsheet program (Open Office Calc) was used to develop a mostly automated system for tracing the money coming in and going out, it automatically calculates the values to fill out our tax forms and makes the search for errors easier. Errors may always occur, of course: we are human beings, after all. But they can be and will be found at the review at year's end. I just did this review and ensured that things are correct. I can pass down to the new treasurer with a clear conscience. Some time end of the year or beginning of the new year I will sit down with the new treasurer to do this.

Our numbers this month:
The current account statement lists a balance of \$5,461.90.
We spent \$416.44 and received \$1.00 since my last report (see GP 10/2008). Most notably, SBARA paid this year's rent for the Tri City Repeater site (hosting the 147.015 Mhz repeater and more), an amount of \$360.
SBARA currently holds Certificates of Deposits over a total of \$3,636.81.
There are \$80 open to be received by SBARA at the moment.

Looking back the three years I served as treasurer, I have to state that we had an exceptionally good time. We had a lot of exciting projects running, a steady flow of new members applying, and a very good financial situation. It was fun to be treasurer for the SBARA!

73!
Bernhard, AE6YN



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SBARA Elections — Would YOU Consider Becoming a Leader?

November is SBARA election month. Would you consider helping your club? Volunteer for a position.....

ELECTED POSITIONS

PRESIDENT

VICE PRESIDENT

TREASURE

SECRETARY

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

WEBMASTER

EDITOR - PIO

CIRCULATION

MEMBERSHIP

RAFFLE COORDINATOR

QUARTERMASTER

PROGRAMS:

PHOTOGRAPHER

REFRESHMENTS

TECHNICAL ADVISOR

BOARD MEMBERS AT LARGE

Solder Smoke Board— By Brad Douglas. KB8UYR

Solder Smoke Brad will be at the November general meeting with gear in tow! Ever wanted to learn how to solder surface mount components, but thought it looked too difficult? Have a radio with a loose connection or a kit you were too afraid to start? Wait no longer!

Brad will show you how the pros do it*! Everything will be covered from equipment used, the "right" solder/flux, how to work those 144-pin chips, and getting that elusive professional look.

Bring anything that you'd like to get fixed or started. Or practice laying down caps and resistors with my equipment.

Fine print:

* Pro level quality may or may not be included with instruction.

WHAT'S NEW?

SBARA Membership Report

Dear SBARA Member,

About two years ago, I took over the task as membership database maintainer from Syd, W6QWK, additionally to my job as treasurer. Syd had done a tremendous job building and maintaining a membership database on his Apple notebook, on which he used Filemaker Pro. This is a very nice and powerful database management program, and Syd had it set up very well. However he wished to discontinue this task, and I wanted to take this over to synchronize it with my needs as treasurer.

The biggest task was to convert the database into something which could be used without the need of spending a lot of money for a database program. There are a number of free programs available, and we chose OpenOffice Base, nicely fitting into the other OpenOffice tools we use for our board work. The port took almost a year, Filemaker uses a proprietary file format, and a lot of things had to be tried and changed.

When it was time the membership dues reminders were to be sent out in December 2007, the database was ready. The dues reminders were also used to collect data for data refresh, and many of you replied with data which had changed over the years. As a result we have now a portable and up-to-date SBARA membership database.

As you know, I will step down as treasurer end of 2008 (see the treasurer's report in this issue). Along with the treasurer job, I will also resign from my job as membership database maintainer: somebody else will have to take over next year. This new membership chairperson will inherit the database as it is now. Her or his task will be to keep the data up-to-date and to send out mailings every once a while.

Here are some numbers, taken from the current database:

SBARA currently has 105 members. 51 of them are also ARRL members.

SBARA member categories: 15 families, 44
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Fremont Repeaters & Net Information

WA6PWW - 147.015 +600Khz, PL 103.5

WA6PWW - 223.900 -500Khz, PL 107.2

WA6PWW - 442.600 +5Mhz, PL 107.2

K6AIR - 146.940 -600Khz, PL 123.0

K6AIR - 441.525 +5Mhz, PL 123.0

ARES - Tuesday @ 7:30pm - 147.015 + PL 103.5

CW - Tuesday, 8 p.m. and Sunday, 4 p.m.
on 21.400 Mhz +/- 5 kHz

The South Bay Amateur Radio Association is a general interest amateur radio club serving the Fremont Tri-City area. The club has been in existence since 1974, and has functioned continuously ever since. We are an ARRL Special Service Club, a California not-for-profit tax exempt organization as specified in IRS Statutes. We sponsor training for

new hams, license examination sessions, and participate in various public service events. If you have a specialized amateur radio interest, chances are you can share it with one or more of our club members.

SBARA meets on the 2nd Friday of every month at Hurricane Electric in Fremont, California. The meeting begins at 7:30

PM. After conducting business, coffee and snacks are served while we socialize. Following the break, a program of interest will be presented. All persons interested in amateur radio are invited to attend. Families are welcome. We hope to see you there!

For those who would like to upgrade their licenses, here's an alternative testing opportunity. The Silicon Valley VE Group has scheduled regular test sessions every alternate Saturday morning at the HP facility in Cupertino. The ARRL site shows the following info for this Saturday, information:

Sponsor: SILICON VALLEY VE GROUP
Time: 8:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

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In addition, these sessions are planned every two weeks through at least the end of May (March 17, April 7, April 21...).



Club Classifieds
List your items
for sale or trade
here.

Let other club members know about the gear you wish to sell, trade, need, etc. Send your info to [Bill_Artelt, WB9YVM](mailto:Bill_Artelt@WB9YVM) before the 15th of each month to get it in the next month's newsletter.

Limit your classified to 25 words or less. Ham Radio, Computer, or electronic related items only please.

Listings are posted for 1 month, resubmit for additional months.

Listings are first-come-first-serve, limited to space available. We reserve the right to edit content.



Announcements

SBARA's monthly meeting is
November 14th. Starting at 7:30pm

Our meeting location is at Hurricane
Electric. The address in Fremont is:

760 Mission Court — Come to the
meeting and bring your HT !!

Talk-In 147.015Mhz. +600

**Come and join us for dinner at
Wok City Diner at 6PM**

The Ground Plane — KU6S

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